

Macclesfield Rural District Council



R E P O R T

on the

HEALTH AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

OF THE DISTRICT

for the

Year ended 31st December 1970

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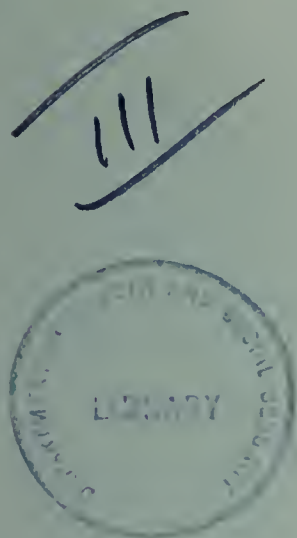
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2/4 Moody Street,
Congleton.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Macclesfield Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1970 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Rural District.

Once again there has been a moderate increase in population, accompanied by a fall in the number of births and a considerable reduction in the number of deaths. In respect of the increase in population we must expect that, as the Engineer and Surveyor indicates in his section of the Report, there will be much more increase as development results from the completion of the Poynton sewerage scheme.

The incidence of infectious disease in the District is very modest in relation to the size of our population and would be almost negligible if we could eliminate measles. As has been reported previously on several occasions if all children were vaccinated against measles this disease would disappear. We are hoping to achieve this happy state of affairs as each family receives appointment cards, either to have immunisation done by their own doctor or at specially arranged Clinics.

Whilst on this subject of immunisation, it has become new Ministry policy not to vaccinate against smallpox routinely, but to make it available only to medical and nursing personnel and other people actively engaged in hospitals, ambulance and other para-medical work. It will also be made available to people who go abroad.

As can be seen from the figures in the Report the three Clinics listed are well attended for the size of the population and give, in my view, a very valuable service. There is one other Clinic at Bollington not listed in my Annual Report which provides a service for the Rural District outside Bollington, particularly for Rainow.

I am much impressed by the development and improvement in the Council's Refuse Collection service and I am looking forward to the time when every domestic residence in the Macclesfield Rural District will have a weekly collection and the plastic sack system of containing the refuse becomes universal.

It is also particularly encouraging to note the great attention the Council has given to the implementation of the Civic Amenities Act 1967. Not only is our Area one of the most attractive parts of Cheshire, but it is on the edge of a great conurbation and could quite easily become a refuse dump for the whole area.

In this connection too we are an amenity area in the sense that large numbers of people come out to the numerous high quality eating places in the district and in consequence we are responsible for a good standard of hygiene and cleanliness. This we should now be able to do much more adequately than previously was possible with the augmentation in the Public Health staff.

I am also particularly involved with the Chief Public Health Inspector in the Housing Management scheme in connection with the allocation of special accommodation for the elderly, frail, sick and handicapped. Mr. Overbury and I work very closely together on this important subject.

As he points out in his section of the Report the demand for sheltered or supervised accommodation exceeds the rate at which we can produce it. I would particularly like to draw the attention of the Council to the possibility of further development in Poynton particularly in the centre of the Village.

Once again I wish to thank both Mr. Overbury and his staff for their great assistance in enabling me to do my work, also to Mr. Chadwick for his assistance in the compilation of this Report and last, but by no means least, to our Clerk, Mr. H.W. Abbott, who is as much help to me as he is to all the other members of our Council.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

L. RICH

Medical Officer of Health.

(Throughout this report the figures in brackets are for the year 1969 and are for the purpose of comparison).

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated Population..... 27170 (26940)

<u>BIRTHS</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Live Births	(Legitimate	353 (363)	173 (192)	180 (171)
	(Illegitimate	8 (17)	6 (9)	2 (8)
Still Births	(Legitimate	6 (6)	2 (3)	4 (3)
	(Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population mid 1970.....14.8 (15.7)
 Live Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1000 of population.....16.0 (16.3)
 Still Birth Rate per 1000 total (Live and Still) births.....16 (16)
 Still Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (live & still) 13 (13)
 Still Birth Rate per 1000 total population.....0.22 (.22)

INFANTILE MORTALITY

The total number of deaths is shown as follows :-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	4 (7)	2 (3)	2 (4)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 live births.....11 (18)
 Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales.....18 (18)
 Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births.....11 (19)
 Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births..... - (-)

DEATHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths (all ages)	299 (337)	157 (180)	142 (157)
Death Rate per 1000 estimated average population		10.9 (12.9)	
Death Rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population		11.7 (11.9)	

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Cholera	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Bacillary Dysentery and amoebiasis	-	-	-
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal disease	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-	-
Late effects of Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Other Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Plague	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping cough	-	-	-
Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Typhus and other rickettsioses	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Syphilis and its sequels	-	-	-
All other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of Buccal cavity and Pharynx	3	1	2
Malignant neoplasm of Oesophagus	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm of Intestine	10	5	5
Malignant neoplasm of Larynx	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of Prostate	3	3	-
Leukaemia	4	4	-
Malignant neoplasms, other	45	21	24
Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of unspecified nature	-	-	-
Diabetes mellitus...	5	3	2
Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	-	-	-
Anaemias	1	-	1
Meningitis	-	-	-
Multiple Sclerosis	-	-	-
Active rheumatic fever	-	-	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	3	2	1
Hypertensive disease	5	2	3
Ischaemic heart disease	69	45	24
Other forms of heart disease	15	7	8
Cerebrovascular disease	47	16	31
Influenza	4	2	2
Pneumonia	14	9	5
Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	17	10	7
Peptic ulcer	1	-	1
Appendicitis	-	-	-
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	-	-

CAUSETotalMaleFemale

Cirrhosis of liver	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	2	-
Abortion	-	-	-
Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	1	-	1
Congenital anomalies	3	3	-
Birth injury, difficult labour and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	1	-	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-	1
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	1	-	1
All other diseases	37	17	20
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	-
All other accidents	1	-	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	2	-
All other external causes	-	-	-

TOTAL

299

157

142

CAUSE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
1-49	111	50	61	111	50	61	111	50	61
5-99	111	50	61	111	50	61	111	50	61
100+	111	50	61	111	50	61	111	50	61

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows :-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tele No.</u>
Mrs. I. Harris	Clinic Centre, Platt Avenue, Sandbach	Sandbach 2970
Miss D.M. Owen	Clinic Centre, Park Lane, Poynton	Poynton 5618
Mrs. C.M. Crohn	Clinic Centre, Hurdsfield House, Macclesfield.	Macc. 23282
Miss H.M. Dawson	Clinic Centre, Hurdsfield House, Macclesfield	Macc. 23282
Mrs. J. Coleman	Clinic Centre, Park Lane, Poynton	Poynton 5618

Child Health Clinics

As indicated in the Report of last year we now have available in each of our Clinics a doctor specially trained to carry out the full medical examination of each child considered necessary and appropriate in our scheme of Developmental Paediatrics. We are now able, through the Computer, to include every child born in this County.

Meals on Wheels

The Rural District is fairly extensively covered by a Meals on Wheels service and I should like to pay tribute to the work done by the members of the W.R.V.S. who carry out this service. 10440 meals were served in the Rural area during the year.

WELFARE CLINICS

<u>Welfare Centre</u>	<u>ATTENDANCES</u>							<u>No. of Clinics Held</u>	<u>Cases seen by doctor</u>	<u>Average per clinic seen by Dr.</u>	<u>Average atten- dance per clinic</u>
	Born 1970		Born 1969		Born 1968- 1966		Total				
	1st	Subs	1st	Subs	1st	Subs					
Poynton	294	1381	80	285	71	147	2258	51	580	11.4	44.3
Prestbury	50	254	27	186	53	294	864	52	343	6.6	16.6
Sutton	25	147	27	180	34	199	612	24	172	7.2	25.5

BIRTHS

Hospital		Home		Private Nursing Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
330 (346)	5 (5)	23 (53)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

The localities and times of operation of the various clinics in the Rural District are as follows :-

Welfare Clinic

Poynton: Park Lane, Poynton
Tel. Poynton 5618

Prest-
bury: Ford House, Prestbury

Sutton: St. James School Rooms,
Sutton.

Health Visitors

D.M. Owen, K.M. Coleman
Thursday p.m.

H.M. Dawson
Wednesday a.m.

C.M. Crohn
2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.

HOME NURSING SERVICE

The Nurses who form part of this service are as follows :-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tele.No.</u>
Mrs. K.A. Dawson.	Butley Hey, London Rd., Prestbury.	Prestbury 49360
Mrs. M. Topley.	Tara, Welsh Row, Nether Alderley.	Ald.Edge 2505
Mrs. F. Kerrigan.	13, Station Road, Chelford.	Chelford 561
Mrs. A. Parsons.	Newlands, Woodhouse Lne, Gawsworth.	Macc. 22187
Miss M.M. Brown.	55, Walker Lane, Sutton.	Sutton 2363
Miss A. Cheetham.	82, Barnaby Road, Poynton.	Poynton 2137
Mrs. D.M. Shaw.	28, Holly Road, Poynton.	Poynton 2771
Mrs. J.B. Caldecott.	379, Chester Road, Woodford.	061-439-6472
Mrs. M.M. Brocklehurst	Sidmere, Dale Brow, Prestbury.	Prestbury 49811
Mrs. L. McHattie (Relief)	Burrswood, London Rd., Prestbury.	Prestbury 49810

As pointed out in previous reports, the Home Nurses in Macclesfield Rural District also carry out important duties of Midwives.

Much general nursing and home treatment under the direction of the family doctor is carried out by these nurses.

Throughout the year no complaint was received.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATIONS

Completed Primary Courses - Persons under Age 16 (South East Cheshire)

<u>Type of Vaccine</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>					<u>Others</u> <u>under</u> <u>16</u>	<u>At</u> <u>Clinics</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>By G.P's</u>
	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966-63			
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple(D/W.C./T)	18	630	290	18	11	3	261	709
Diphtheria/ Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/ Tetanus	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	18	614	289	20	22	20	282	701
Measles	1	243	498	161	143	49	294	801

Reinforcing Doses - Persons under Age 16 (South East Cheshire)

<u>Type of Vaccine</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>					<u>Others</u> <u>under</u> <u>16</u>	<u>At</u> <u>Clinics</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>by G.P's</u>
	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966-63			
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple(D/W.C./T)	-	3	50	18	216	8	34	261
Diphtheria/ whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/ Tetanus	-	-	5	1	617	51	245	429
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	63	131	4	190
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	-	4	53	23	878	60	284	734

Smallpox Vaccination - Persons Under Age 16
(South East Cheshire)

	<u>Year of Birth</u>				<u>Others under 16</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>At Clinics</u>	<u>By G.P.s</u>
	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967-56</u>				
Vaccinated	-	288	558	94	6	946	235	711
ReVaccinated	-	1	2	96	51	150	9	141

Public Health Laboratory Service

The Public Health Laboratory, Manchester, is available for bacteriological analysis of water, milk, food and ice-cream as and when we require them. In addition they deal with material from infectious diseases.

We obtain the maximum co-operation at all times and this excellent service is under the control of Dr.D.R. Tobin to whom we are indebted.

Date		Time		Location		Remarks		Remarks	
Day	Month	Hour	Minute	Lat	Long	Alt	Dir	Wind	Temp
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

Statistics relating to the Home Help Service provided in the Macclesfield Rural District during 1970 are as follows:-

Home Helps employed during 1970

Full-time	-	(-)
Part-time	48	(66)

Home Helps employed at 31st December 1970

Full-time	-	(-)
Part-time	27	(27)

Applications received during 1970

Aged and infirm	34	(39)
Chronic Sick	4	(6)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	27	(39)
Others	16	(16)
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	81	(100)

Cases attended during 1970

Aged and infirm	95	(101)
Chronic Sick	11	(10)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	21	(35)
Others	21	(23)
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	148	(169)

Cases receiving attention at 31st December 1970

Aged and infirm	82	(67)
Chronic Sick	6	(7)
Mentally disordered	-	(-)
Maternity	4	(-)
Others	7	(6)
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	99	(80)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)
DURING THE YEAR 1970

DISEASE	AGE DISTRIBUTION									TOTAL	CASES ADMITTED TO HOSP.
	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+		
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	7	6
Measles	2	3	13	3	11	24	1	-	3	60	1
Malaria	--	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	4	-

TUBERCULOSIS CASES ON REGISTER AT 31st
DECEMBER 1970

	Up to 1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65& over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	-	2	8	12	7	16	17	62
Female Pulmonary	-	-	2	-	13	13	17	7	7	59
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	4	7	5	3	2	3	24
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	3	7	1	3	3	4	21

TUBERCULOSIS

There was one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year, and for the purpose of comparison the notifications as for sex and age are given from 1961.

	<u>Notifications 1961-1970</u>									
	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP
<u>MALE</u>										
Up to 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
1 to 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
5 to 15	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
15 to 25	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
25 to 35	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	1 -	1 1	- -
35 to 45	- -	- -	- 1	- 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
45 to 55	- -	- -	- 1	- -	- -	- -	2 -	- -	- 1	- -
55 to 65	1 -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
65 and over	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
<u>FEMALE</u>										
Up to 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
1 to 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
5 to 15	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -
15 to 25	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
25 to 35	- -	- -	2 -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
35 to 45	- 1	- -	- -	- -	1 -	2 -	- -	- -	- -	- -
45 to 55	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- 1
55 to 65	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
65 & over	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	- -
	2 1	1 -	7 2	2 1	4 -	3 -	4 -	1 -	2 2	- 1

DEATHS 1961 to 1970

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP	P NP
<u>MALE</u>										
Up to 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
1 to 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
5 to 15	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
15 to 25	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
25 to 35	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
35 to 45	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
45 to 55	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
55 to 65	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
65 & over	1 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	2 -	- -	- -
<u>FEMALE</u>										
Up to 1	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
1 to 5	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
5 to 15	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
15 to 25	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
25 to 35	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
35 to 45	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
45 to 55	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
55 to 65	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
65 & over	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Total	2 -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	2 -	- -	- -

WATER

1. General

Forty five samples of water were collected and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination. As a comprehensive and regular system of sampling of mains supplies is undertaken by the Macclesfield and District Water Board - copies of the results of which are immediately made available to the Health Department - sampling of such supplies has been limited to cases where specific complaints have been received from domestic users. In all cases, these were found to be satisfactory bacteriologically.

The sampling done by private water supplies is undertaken generally either at the request of the user or as a part of the routine investigations on applications for Improvement Grants. In the case of unsatisfactory results, advice is given on measures to safeguard the supplies, either by protection of the source works and distribution system and/or by treatment of the water.

2. Information of Public Water Supplies
supplied by the Engineer and Manager
of the Macclesfield and District Water Board.

General

The area of the Macclesfield Rural District has continued to be supplied during the year with water derived partly from the Board's upland sources, partly from bulk supplies from adjacent water authorities and to a small extent from the Board's own underground sources.

New Sources

Progress continued throughout the year on works necessary for the application of the supply from the new boreholes at Adlington to the needs of the Poynton area. The scheme involving erection of Treatment and Pumping Works at Adlington, and the construction of new reservoirs at Poynton Coppice and Hilltop Farm together with connecting pipelines, was virtually ready for commissioning at the end of the year under review.

Laying of Water Main Extensions

During the year, extensions of water mains - to the greatest extent necessary for the provision of water services to new housing developments - have been carried out at the following sites:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Size of Main</u>
Rowlinson Construction Ltd.	Poynton Industrial Site	6"
Macclesfield Dist. Water Brd.	Leek Road, Bosley	10"
Rowlinson Construction Ltd.	Willowmead Estate, Prestbury	4"
F.J. Gibson (Builders) Ltd.	Woodhouse Lane, Gawsworth	4" & 3"
P.E. Jones (Contractors) Ltd.	Castleford Park, Prestbury	4" & 3"
Cheshire County Council	Upcast Lane, Chorley (school)	4"
Cheshire County Council	Knutsford Road, Chelford	6"
	(relay for road improvement)	
P.E. Jones (Contractors) Ltd.	Millers Meadow, Rainow	4" & 3"
Mr. Scragg	Buxton Road, Bosley	3"

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The major contract for the reorganisation of the drainage of Poynton is now well under way. Storm balancing tanks and trunk and other sewers are under construction. Work should continue for some two years, after which there will no doubt be a substantial increase in housing development in Poynton. Reinforcement of certain parts of the existing drainage system will be investigated in the interim in that parish, as it will be elsewhere in the district, where increasing development of one type or another requires it.

The design of the enlarged sewage disposal works at Great Warford to serve more adequately the parishes of Nether Alderley, Chelford and Great Warford is still in the course of preparation.

The Council are mindful that small sewerage/sewage disposal schemes are called for in several parishes, of which perhaps Kettleshulme is the most noteworthy. The provision of such a scheme in Kettleshulme, coupled with an augmented water supply (at present under consideration by the Macclesfield District Water Board) is considered to be an urgent need to eliminate the pail closets and unsatisfactory treatment of drainage from many of the cottage properties and permit their modernisation.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

New public conveniences were completed in Prestbury and it is planned to provide these facilities in the near future at other localities in the district.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection

1. General

The pattern of refuse collection service which was set out in some detail in the 1969 Report has been maintained. Additionally, the service has been extended to cover some 150 individual properties in the more outlying parts of the Rural District. This was after consultation with the Parish Councils and has made some contribution to reducing the problem of unsightly, unauthorised tipping. Areas which have benefited from this extended service include Lyme Park and parts of Lyme Handley, Marton and Withington.

Collections from these outlying areas are personally undertaken by the 'Safari' two man gang who are also responsible for the widely utilised special collection service for bulky domestic refuse.

The Council are still concerned that there are numbers of dwellings - chiefly farms and farmworkers cottages - which still have no regular refuse collection service. It is hoped that the extent of this need can be assessed and carefully considered during the review of the refuse collection service which is anticipated to be finalised during 1971.

2. Sack System of Refuse Storage

After some initial reservations, the Council agreed to utilise polythene refuse sacks in lieu of paper sacks in the 1800 domestic properties already converted to the sack system of refuse storage. Generally, the polythene sacks have been found to be preferable to the single ply paper ones previously used, and result in a significant financial saving.

It is disappointing to report that it was not possible to extend the sack storage of refuse system to the Poynton area as anticipated during 1970. The necessity for further work study to integrate major changes in the existing service led to continued negotiations with the Cheshire County Council for the use of their personnel to undertake a comprehensive new study of the whole service. At the time of writing this report, this study is well under way and the Council have agreed in principle to reprogramme the collection rounds on the basis of extending the sack system to all the remainder of the serviced domestic premises in the district.

3. Refuse Disposal

As far back as 1966, the Council confirmed to the Macclesfield Borough Council their wish to be associated with proposals of the Borough Council for installing a macerating plant in connection with their Refuse Tip at Danes Moss, Congleton Road, Macclesfield. Although financial considerations have to date precluded the Borough Council in moving forward on this scheme, they did agree that other interested participating Councils might by arrangement utilise their tipping facilities at Danes Moss. Arising at this time when the RDC tip at Harbour Lane, Gawsorth was rapidly nearing completion,, this invitation resulted in an agreement operating from 1st April 1970 whereby the refuse collected from the majority of the Rural District is disposed of at Danes Moss and the overall costs of operation of the tip are apportioned on a population basis.

Agreement was reached with the Cheshire County Council for the covering of the tipped area on the leased Harbour Lane site with surplus spoil arising from their A536 road improvement scheme at the Harrington Arms Gawsorth. It is hoped that this will result in the tip being satisfactorily restored for agricultural use at minimal cost to the Council.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

General

The Council continues to discharge its obligations under this Act by

- (a) making available free facilities for the disposal of domestic and garden refuse at their own tip at Worth Clough, Poynton and at the Macclesfield Borough Tip.

- (b) offering a special service on request for the free removal of bulky domestic refuse and for the removal of garden refuse in special sacks on sale by the Council.
- (c) dealing with land used for unauthorised tipping.
- (d) operating the provisions relating to abandoned vehicles.
- (e) their own voluntary scheme for removal and for disposal of redundant vehicles.
- (f) making available free facilities with an agent for the disposal of redundant vehicles.

N.B. The numbers of vehicles dealt with under (d) (e) and (f) above were 13, 8 and 10 respectively and the overall cost to the Council was less than £70 (excluding administrative and inspection expenses).

Annual publicity has been given to all these services to all the ratepayers in a printed leaflet circulated with the Rate Demand Notes. Regrettably, unauthorised tipping still occurs in many parts of the district and it is felt that this could be more positively reduced if more persons were to come forward with factual evidence of such tipping, if more prosecutions were taken against offenders by the Police Authority and if better publicity were given to successful prosecutions.

RECORD OF VISITS/INSPECTIONS

Agricultural Premises	5
Animal Boarding Establishments	15
Caravan Sites	24
Clean Air Act - New furnaces/Chimney heights	4
Dirty Premises/Insect Infestation	17
Ditches and Streams	22
Drainage	214
Factories	8
<u>Food Inspection</u>	
Meat (Slaughterhouses)	620
Other foods	16
<u>Food Premises</u>	
Bakehouses	4
Food Preparing premises	22
Food Shops	52
Ice Cream Premises	7
Mobile Food Vehicles	9
<u>Housing</u>	
Inspection of Dwellinghouses for Unfitness/Nuisances ...	55
Reinspection of Dwellinghouses	53
Management of Council housing accommodation	186
Visits to applicants for Council housing accommodation .	223
Qualification Certificates	15
Improvement Grants	42
Infectious Disease/Food Poisoning	42
<u>Milk and Dairies</u>	
General	4
Brucellosis	21
<u>Nuisance Complaints</u>	
Animals	7
Dust etc.	2
Smell	10
Smoke	9
Noise	22
Abandoned motor vehicles	31
Petroleum installations	133
Piggeries	3
Poultry keeping	4
Refuse Collection	124
Refuse Disposal	45
Rodent Control	51
Scrap Metal Dealers	1
Unauthorised Tipping Sites	82

Sanitary Accommodation

Schools	1
Licensed Premises	9
Building Sites	3
Septic Tanks/Cesspools	30
Tents, Vans and Sheds	3
<u>Water Supply:-</u>	
General	15
Sampling	45

HOUSING

1. Statistical Information

Number of private dwellings completed during the year	131
Number of Council dwellings completed during the year	-
Number of Council dwellings in course of erection at 31.12.70	-
Number of Council houses acquired by the Council	7
Number of Pre-War houses at 31.12.70	206
Number of Post War houses at 31.12.70	740
Number of bungalows/flats at 31.12.70	170
Total number of dwellings owned by the Council	1123
Number of Improvement Grants approved - Standard	24
Discretionary	29
Number of Improvement Grants refused	16
Number of Council houses sold	-

2. Individual Unfit Houses

<u>Houses Demolished</u> as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or 17(i). Housing Act 1957	2
<u>Unfit Houses Closed</u> under Section 16(4) Housing Act 1957	4
<u>Unfit Houses Made Fit</u>	
After formal notice under Section 16(i) Housing Act 1957	4
(Previously included in a Closing Order which has been determined)	1
After formal notice under Public Health Acts	-
<u>Other Houses in which defects were remedied</u>	
After formal notice under Public Health Acts	7
After informal action by local authority	56

3. Substandard Housing

The individual unfit houses referred to above, and in previous reports, which have been the subject of formal procedure under Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957 have in the main been dwellings from which the tenants have been rehoused by the Council. Following the vacation of the individual dwellings, the use of the formal procedures has usually resulted in renovations and improvement schemes resulting in completely fit dwellings.

Far greater numbers of substandard dwellings are renovated and improved each year arising from sales, with vacant possession, of individual dwellings whether detached, semi-detached or terraced. In this connection, fuller liaison is now being made with the Council's Engineer and Surveyor on all applications for Improvement Grants, to ensure that all necessary repairs are undertaken with approved improvement works to ensure fully fit dwellings on completion.

There remain considerable numbers of cottage properties in the Rural District which might be called twilight properties - which have been structurally neglected over the years and are without the essential basic amenities. It is pleasing to record that the Council have agreed to augment their Public Health Inspectorate to enable a complete survey to be made, with a view to agreeing action to deal with affected properties either by closure/demolition or renovation and improvement.

4. Qualification Certificates

Only limited resort has been made by owners of tenanted dwellings to the new procedures introduced in the Housing Act 1969 to obtain 'fair rents' for dwellings in good repair and provided with Standard amenities.

Applications received for Qualification Certificates	15
Applications granted	3
Applications withdrawn	1
Applications still under consideration	9
Applications refused	2

5. Council Housing Accommodation

(a) Old Persons Accommodation

A comprehensive review of the development and programming of Council housing accommodation appeared in the 1969 Report. The Council's main preoccupation in this field is the provision of additional accommodation for the elderly. Their hopes of making speedy progress have been thwarted in protracted negotiations in acquiring land and securing approvals from Planning and Government authorities. As a consequence no new units of old persons accommodation became available for occupation during the year, though building commenced on a group of 7 bungalows adjoining the Council's housing estate at Butley Lane, Prestbury and on a group of 35 bungalows at Poynton.

The Parish of Prestbury is a case in point where there is a considerable demand for bungalows & flats which are really needed near the Village centre, but where the difficulties of acquiring suitable land at a reasonable price appear almost insurmountable.

The delay in completion of new accommodation, is accompanied by an ever increasing waiting list of aspiring tenants, totalling some 250 by the end of the year. Quite an appreciable element of this demand, particularly in the rapidly growing parish of Poynton is from elderly relatives of Poynton residents, living usually in poor property outside the rural district who in advancing years or failing health wish to have the near support of their children.

(b) Housing of Former Patients of Psychiatric Hospitals

Encouraged by the success of schemes in South Wales, the Cheshire County Medical Officer of Health asked the Council to consider renting one or two suitable Council houses to the Mental Health Authority for use to rehabilitate former patients from Psychiatric Hospitals in the County. The Council agreed to cooperate in a pilot scheme and in April 1970 rented the Cheshire County Council a three bedroomed semi-detached estate house for this purpose. After adapting it to their particular requirements, County Officers carefully selected four ladies as co-residents in this house. The RDC has been kept fully informed as to the developments in this pilot scheme and are much encouraged to learn that such premises might prove for their residents the vital stepping stone to full rehabilitation to a fully independent life.

FOOD PREMISES AND INSPECTION

1. Food Premises

a) General

With the exception of minor contraventions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 the cleanliness and hygiene in food premises throughout the district is of a good standard.

The categories of food premises in the district are as under:-

Grocers	39	Sweet Shops	11
Greengrocers	7	Wholesale Food Premises	2
Butchers	7	Confectioners	5
Fish and Chip shops	2	Licensed Premises	45
Bakehouses	3	(of which 20 have catering facilities)	
		Cafes and refreshment houses	26

(b) Poultry Processing and Egg Pasteurisation Plants

There are no plants in the district for either of these purposes.

(c) Slaughterhouses

There are three licensed private Slaughterhouses in the district:-

Adlington - Hope Lane - Messrs. Boothby and Waterhouse

Chelford - Station Road - A. Williams

Chorley - Knutsford Road - P. Reade

The throughput of animals has increased considerably since the Adlington premises passed into the current operators' hands in 1969. Whilst this has resulted in more onerous duties of meat inspection, it is pleasing to report that the quality of animals slaughtered continues to be uniformly high.

2. MEAT INSPECTION

Carcases inspected and Carcase Meat/Organs Condemned

	<u>Bullocks</u> <u>Heifers</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>and</u> <u>lambs</u>
Number killed	2387	-	17	265	11,703
Number inspected	2387	-	17	265	11,703

All diseases except Tuberculosis

Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	4	1	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	152	-	-	5	465
% of number inspected affected	6.4%	-	23.5%	2.3%	4.0%

There were no cases of Tuberculosis or Cysticercosis.

3. FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED

	Cwts.	lbs.	Cwts.	lbs.
Meat - Slaughterhouses - Carcase meat	4	2	.	
Offal	10	7	14.	9
Retail shops - Carcase meat	1	54	1.	54
Cooked meat and meat products			1.	84
Canned meats				12
Other canned foods				-
Fish (fresh)				75
Frozen foods due to cabinet breakdowns			1.	16
Other foods				70
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	Total		19.	96.
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4. Milk and Dairies - Brucellosis

The County Council have continued their monthly sampling service of the dairy herds in the district from which milk is sold raw to the public - there were 49 such herds in 1970 as against 54 in 1969.

A summary of the sampling carried out by the Cheshire County Council is set out overleaf:-

	<u>Total submitted</u>	<u>Human Brucella Positive</u>
Bulk samples	270	2
Dealer samples (as supplied to public)	645	6
Individual cow samples	352	5
	<u>1267</u>	<u>13</u>

Upon receipt of a report as to positive evidence of brucellosis, immediate investigation is made at the farm, and the necessary follow up action taken to protect the public. The relevant details are set out below:-

Number of affected cows removed from herds	20
Orders made under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1959 (pro- hibiting the sale of milk except for pastuerisation)	3
Regulation 20 Order subsequently removed	3
Total number of Regulation 20 orders still operative in district	11

Whilst the incidence of evidence of brucellosis in raw milk retailed to the public is reduced from year to year - resulting from action taken arising from the intensive County Sampling programme and the increasing proportion of farmers aiming for brucella free herds - there is a continuing hazard to the public consuming raw milk. This hazard will only be eliminated on the conclusion of a nationwide eradication scheme. The inauguration of such a scheme, for which the medical authorities and this Council have been campaigning for many years, was agreed by the Government during the year. It is pleasing to learn from the Cheshire County Council that of the 49 dairy herds in the Rural District, 14 were accredited under the Brucellosis (Accredited Herds) Scheme.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ one Rodent Control Operator on a full-time basis for the destruction of rats and mice. This service is free for domestic premises but contracts are agreed upon at an appropriate fee for all agricultural, industrial or commercial premises.

Total number of properties inspected following notification	794	21
Number infested by		
Rats	371	13
Mice	396	8
Total number of properties inspected for reasons other than notification	476	103
Number infested by		
Rats	269	69
Mice	179	37

Additionally the services of the Rodent Operator are used for control of insect infestations affecting householders. In this connection 85. . . complaints of wasps were dealt with.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The total number of premises registered with the Council under this Act is now 173 including 7 additional premises registered during the year. The standard of sanitary and welfare facilities in offices and shops in the district is generally good and employers have been co-operative in making good any deficiencies or contraventions brought to their notice.

Two accidents at registered premises were reported during the year. Both at warehouse premises - one attributable to handling goods and the other to a closing door.

TABLE A - REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Number of premises registered during the year</u>	<u>Total number of reg. premises at end of year</u>	<u>Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year</u>
Offices	3	48	2
Retail Shops	2	86	2
Wholesale Shops	-	4	-
Catering Establishments open to public and canteens	2	35	1
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
Total	7	173	5

TABLE B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to
Registered Premises - 82

TABLE C - Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises
by Workplace

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>Number of persons employed</u>	
Offices	687	Total males 650 Females = 636
Retail Shops	234	
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	48	
Catering Establishments open to public	246	
Canteens	71	
Fuel Storage	-	
	total	1286

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Inspections

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>	<u>Number of written & informal notices</u>	<u>Number of occupiers prosecuted</u>
Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,6 & 7 are to be enforced by local authority	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in list above in which section 7 is enforced by local authority	58	8	1	-
Total	58	8	1	-

Cases in which defects were found

Sanitary conveniences (Section 7)

	<u>Defects found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
a. Insufficient	-	-
b. Unsuitable or defective	3	3

Part VIII of the Act - Outwork(Sections 133 and 134)

<u>Nature of work</u>	<u>Section 133</u>				<u>Section 134</u>	
	<u>No.of outworkers in Aug.list required by Sec.133(1)c</u>	<u>No.of cases in default in sending lists to Council</u>	<u>No.of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists</u>	<u>No.of instances of work in unsuit- able premises</u>	<u>Notices Served</u>	<u>Prosecu- tions</u>
Wearing)making apparel) etc.	23	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing)cleansing apparel)& washing	-	-	-	-	-	-

